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As regards elementary schools, the rules under the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, permit the imparting of practical instruction with reference to the chief occupations of the locality subject to the condition that the sanction of the Director of Public Instruction is obtained to such instruction being given in standards below the fourth and that spinning if adopted by itself without provision for weaving should not be taught for more than four hours in a week. There is no information as to the number of elementary schools in the district in which instruction is imparted in spinning or weaving.

(*b*) & (*c*) The particulars required are not available.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and Education, with reference to clause (*a*), whether he will be pleased to get the information in regard to the number of schools in which spinning is taught and also in regard to the question whether any application was made to the Director of Public Instruction for exemption from the rule ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Exemption from which rule ? "

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" The rule that instruction in spinning must be confined to four hours in a week ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I will call for the information and supply it to the hon. Member."

Scheme for the Imperial and Provincial Services in the Educational department.

* 254 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased (i) to place before the Council the scheme of Government for the Imperial and Provincial Services of the Educational department, and (ii) to state—

(*a*) what action Government have taken to provide for and compensate men in the Provincial Services who have acted long in the Imperial cadre ; and

(*b*) what provision Government have made or are going to make to encourage young men who have joined the Educational department after having undertaken the risk and spent lot of money in going abroad to better qualify themselves for work in the said department ?

A.—A scheme for the reorganization of the superior Educational Services is under formulation.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I know whether there is any near prospect of the orders of Government being issued in regard to this matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I cannot say when exactly orders will be issued on this question of reorganization of superior educational services because we have got to correspond both with the Secretary of State and the Government of India before issuing such orders."